



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tony Aguilar	Richard Johnson
James Brenner	William Morebeck
Patricia Beard	John Nitta
Paul Ferrari	Vicky Morris
Wayne Vineyard	

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

May 14, 2007

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patti Beard, Jim Brenner, William Morebeck, John Nitta, Richard Johnson, Vicky Morris, Wayne Vineyard
Members Absent: Paul Ferrari

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Wayne Vineyard.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 14, 2007 AND MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2007-**
Motion to approve April 9, 2007 Agenda:
Johnson/Aguilar/MPUV

MOTION BY RICHARD JOHNSON:
To change the wording in #5 to replace “excluding” with “including”.
MPUV
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT (The Commission does not act on items under Public Comment).**
 - Walter Fickworth, rice, walnut, and cattle farmer had copper wires stolen from his agricultural well. He was told by Beamer Pump that he would need a permit from the Placer County Building Department to reconnect to electricity. He was told by PG & E that the fee could cost \$87. Nick Greco and Jarol Moore, local Placer County farmers, have also had agricultural thefts. Pending legislation may require recycling companies to hold items for 5 days before paying the customer, and to video tape the seller. The Commission members would like to invite Sheriff Bonner, or other department staff, to the June 11 Agricultural Commission meeting to address the agricultural theft issues in Placer County.
 - Christine Turner extended an invitation to everyone and handed out flyers for the 2007 Agricultural Tour on May 30, 2007 that is being coordinated by Mark White, Resource Conservation District. RSVP by May 25, 2007.

- IV. BUNCH CREEK TPZ REZONE (PREA T20060521)** – Crystal Jacobsen, Planning Department
This is a rezone request by applicant Jack Remington, A. R. Associates, on behalf of Fred Basquin and Jed Parker (owners) to remove the TPZ zoning and replace it with RF-B-X-80 AC minimum, which is still consistent with the Placer County General Plan. This rezone of 597.5 acres would result in three approved tentative parcels being divided in half with the result of three additional parcels.

The Planning Department will come back at a later date for recommendation from the Agricultural Commission.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agricultural Marketing Program Activities** – Nancyjo Riekse.
- Report of Ag Marketing activities for April
- B. Economic Development Board (EDB) Update** – Lyndell Grey. No report
- C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** – Roger Ingram.
- Mobile Poultry Processor handout. Explained how it works. Looking for sponsorships. Bio-security on commercial poultry farms is major concern.
- D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor** – Cindy Fake. No report
- E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas/Minutes** – Patti Beard. No report
- F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update** – William Morebeck. No report
- G. Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Water Waivers** – Christine E. Turner.
- April 23, 2007 article in Auburn Journal talked about possible agricultural water reduction in Placer County Water Agency's Zone 5 in western Placer County.

VI. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Christine E. Turner, Agricultural Commissioner.

- Tonya Aguilar reappointed for 4 more years
- Richard Johnson appointment expires November 30, 2007, and Wayne Vineyard's expires in December 2007
- No official word from Board of Directors regarding the appointment of Nancyjo Riekse as Placer County Visitors Council Agricultural Representative
- On April 25th, Pattie Beard was honored at the Auburn "State of the Community" awards dinner as a "Friend of Agriculture."
- State OES has submitted a letter to USDA requesting Placer County be declared a disaster area due to unseasonable drought affecting over 30% of the county's grazing land
- The Brenner Ranch was highlighted in the May/June "Perspectives" magazine from the Arts Council of Placer County
- Board of Supervisor approved conditional support of a proposal by the City of Roseville to annex 2,172 acres (Sierra Vista Specific Plan) for development

- Heads up that Placer County Environmental Health Department is moving forward to be in compliance with State requirements regarding on farm hazardous materials reporting
- Patterson Sand & Gravel's quarry expansion Environmental Impact Report has supported 1:1 mitigation for mining impacts on agricultural land
- Confirmed that the Agricultural Commission has received the calendar year reports of the Parcel Review Committee's approval of 4-way, or less, parcel splits of agricultural land for 1999 through 2006
- Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) in 8 counties to date. Federal and Intra-State quarantines are in place. Feeds on more than 250 different agricultural crops. All nursery stock, cut flowers, greenery, trees & bushes, fruits, vegetables, hay, straw, bulk herbs & spices and more are affected by the quarantines. LBAM native to Australia & in Hawaii since 1800's. So far no countries have banned California fruit.

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS – None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007 at the Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary
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